

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112 and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

As correctly indicated in the Office Action summary, Claims 1-35 are pending. The Office Action Summary further indicates that Claims 15-22 and 33-35 stand withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-14 and 23-32 are currently pending in this application with the entry of this Amendment. By the present amendment, Claims 1, 14, 23 and 28 have been amended to cancel the non-elected claims, and to correct a few typographical errors. Thus, support for these amendments can be found at least in the specification and original Claims and as filed. Respectfully, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

The above amendments have been presented solely for the purpose of expediting what appears to be allowable subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the originally presented claims.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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